

Advocates' Communication Meeting Summary
The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
The Division for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

August 22, 2014

10:30am-12:30pm

OMNI Institute, The Logan Building: 899 Logan Street, 6th Floor, Denver, CO 80203

Community Invitees Present:		State Staff Invitees Present:	
Cassidy Dellamonache		Adam Tucker - DIDD	
Carol Meredith		Joanne Svenningsen - DIDD	
Harriet Austin		Michele Craig - DIDD	
Grace Ormsby		Lauren Stanislao - DIDD	
Hanni Raley		Roberta Aceves - DIDD	
Heidi Haines			
Julie Farrar			
Kasey Daniel			
Lisa Franklin*			
Mary Glatz			
Sam Ormsby			
Sue Fager			
*Attended by Phone			

Agenda Item	Status/Decisions Made	Assignments/Commitments
Purpose of the Meetings	The purpose of the meeting is to ensure ongoing, transparent, and collaborative communication between the Division for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) and the advocacy stakeholders	
I. Introductions and Review of last month's meeting summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone introduced themselves. Summary not reviewed in the interest of time. Contact Joanne Svenningsen with questions or concerns about the content of the July 2014 meeting summary. Purpose of the meeting read; staff acknowledged that meeting of late had been a forum for the dissemination of information from the Department, and expressed a desire to allow more time for discussion. 	<p>Questions about the summary or the meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joanne Svenningsen 303-866-5161 Joanne.svenningsen@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff reiterated Department commitment to the meeting as a forum for the collaborative engagement of issues that impact clients and advocates. 	
II. Consumer Direction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department is targeting July of 2015 for the rollout of CDASS in the SLS Waiver. Attachments include an overview of the efforts since 2008 to implement CDASS, a prospective, twelve-month implementation timeline, and a service comparison of IHSS, Family Caregiver, and CDASS. Staff are taking the time to evaluate all steps with a critical eye to ensure a timely and successful implementation, particularly around IT and claims payment. Staff welcome feedback about the distributed materials and are available to answer questions and clarify impacts. Communication about the roll out will happen via the Advocates' Communication Meeting and Communication Brief. 	<p>Questions or comments about CDASS in SLS:</p> <p>Roberta Aceves 303-866-5145 roberta.aceves@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203</p>
III. New Business A. NCI Update	<p>NCI Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department has completed its first year of NCI. The Department extends thanks to the clients and families, case managers, case management directors and all the other people who helped, as the first year was extremely successful. The staff at NCI are analyzing Colorado's first year data and will provide the outcomes to the State of Colorado by spring 2015. Colorado is beginning year two and staff are excited to get it underway. Division staff will begin conducting the face-to-face interviews with clients starting in January 2015. The Division will launch its first round of mail out surveys for families and guardians. Please let families and advocates know that they can expect to start receiving mail in surveys this fall. Individuals/families selected will be done so randomly. All who are selected are encouraged to respond to ensure their voice is heard. Department staff will be using the contact information on the BUS to send the mail out surveys and claims data, while the client face-to-face data will be pulled out of the MMIS. If requests for updates to contact information is being requested by Case Managers, it may be driven, in part, by NCI. 	<p>Questions about NCI:</p> <p>Yasmin Gardner 303-866-5150 Yasmin.Gardner@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203</p>

<p>III. Updates on Division Business</p> <p>A. HCBS Conference</p> <p>B. HB 14-1051 – Developmental Disability Services Strategic Plan</p> <p>C. Staffing Updates</p> <p>D. Personal Care in the State Plan</p>	<p>HCBS Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department staff will be attending the national HCBS conference near Arlington, VA from September 15-18, 2014. • Brittani Trujillo and staff from HCBS Strategies will be presenting on the process being used in Colorado for the selection/development of a new ULTC 1002. Tool. <p>HB 14-1051 – Developmental Disability Services Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Division continues to seek input from this group on reaching out to stakeholders, as well as high level topic areas for the Strategic Plan. • More information regarding the process is forthcoming, although a listening log will be created and maintained. Submitted comments collected via listening logs will be a part of the final report. • The Division is working to engage a vendor to draft the plan. As details are solidified, they will be communicated via communication brief and at this meeting. • Any ideas or feedback on the preparation of the Strategic Plan or outreach efforts should be provided directly to Emily Blanford. <p>Staffing Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristie Braaten, the enrollment coordinator, is leaving the Department. • Please direct any questions regarding enrollments to Lauren Stanislao until the position is filled. <p>Personal Care in the State Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Initial reading for the benefit and the benefit coverage standard was presented at the July Medical Services Board where a number of concerns were raised by stakeholders. • At this time, the previously communicated implementation timeframe of September has been put off, with a planned implementation of the first of the year. • The Department intends to present the rule for 2nd reading within the required 180 day timeframe. • The Department continues to work through operational concerns and will communicate a firm implementation date as those issues are worked through. 	<p>Questions about the HB 14-1051 Strategic Plan:</p> <p>Emily Blanford 303-866-5141 Emily.Blanford@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>Questions about enrollments:</p> <p>Lauren Stanislao 303-866-2684 Lauren.Stanislao@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203</p> <p>Questions about Personal Care in the State Plan and its impact on the DIDD Waivers:</p> <p>Sheila Peil 303-866-5156 Sheila.Peil@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203</p>
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<p>E. Budget & Enrollments</p>	<p>Budget, & Enrollments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Expenditure Table provides the FY 2013-14 expenses for the entire year. • The total expenditures were \$487,309 over the appropriation, with the CES Waiver underspent by \$3m and the DD Waiver overspent by \$5m, although the number of children served in CES is double from last year. • The Enrollment Table shows the greatest increase in enrollments in DD, with SLS experiencing a lot of churn as clients take slots on the DD Waiver. • The CES Waiver is seeing the slowest amount of change since November, but total enrolled is still nearly twice what it was last year. 	<p>Questions about Budget & Enrollments:</p> <p>Emily Blanford 303-866-5141 Emily.Blanford@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street, Denver, CO 80203</p>
<p>F. Community Transition Metrics</p>	<p>Community Transition Metrics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides distributed, but reviewed quickly in the interest of time. • A more comprehensive review of the slides will be done at the September meeting, along with a discussion about the work being done by the HB 14-1338, Regional Center Task Force 	<p>Please contact Barbara Rydell with questions about transitions to the community from the Regional Centers:</p> <p>Barbara Rydell 303-866-5157 Barbara.Rydell@state.co.us 1570 Grant Street Denver, CO 80203</p>
<p>V. Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will be September 26, 2014 from 1030AM-1230 PM at the OMNI Institute. 	